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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

September 25, 2002

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the office action of August 26, 2002, Applicant hereby, without prejudice, elects to prosecute at this time Claims 1-5 and 11-18 in Group I, and cancel the non-elected claims in Group II. By this election, Applicant does not abandon any invention disclosed or claimed in the above-identified application, and in particular the inventions defined by Claims 1-5 and 10 in non-elected Group II.

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Applicant also adds the following new claims also directed to a card storage and retrieval system in Group I:

19. A card storage and retrieval system, including
a plurality of business card holders, each business card holder
comprising

a thin sheet having a planar surface, a lower edge and
outside dimensions greater than the dimensions of a business
card to be attached to an individual business card holder,

at least some slits in said thin sheet positioned so at least
some corners of a business card may be manually inserted in
the slits to enable a business card to be attached to and
detached from an individual business card holder, and

at least one mounting cutout therein along the lower
edge enabling a business card holder to be removably
mounted to a guide member, and

a guide member that holds said plurality of business card holders
stacked next to each other in a row side by side along the guide member.

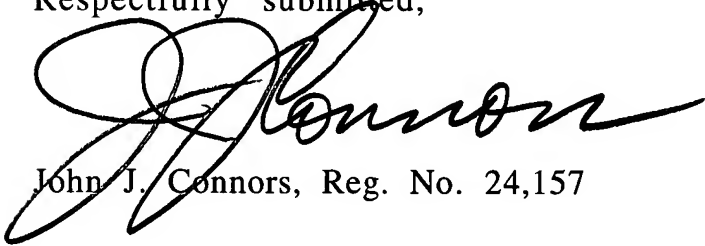
20. The business card holder of Claim 19 where the thin sheet is made
of plastic.

21. The card storage and retrieval system of Claim 19 where the
business card holders are manufactured from a web of sheet material
using a rotary die to form said holder by continuously feeding the sheet
material through said die.

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Respectfully submitted,

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